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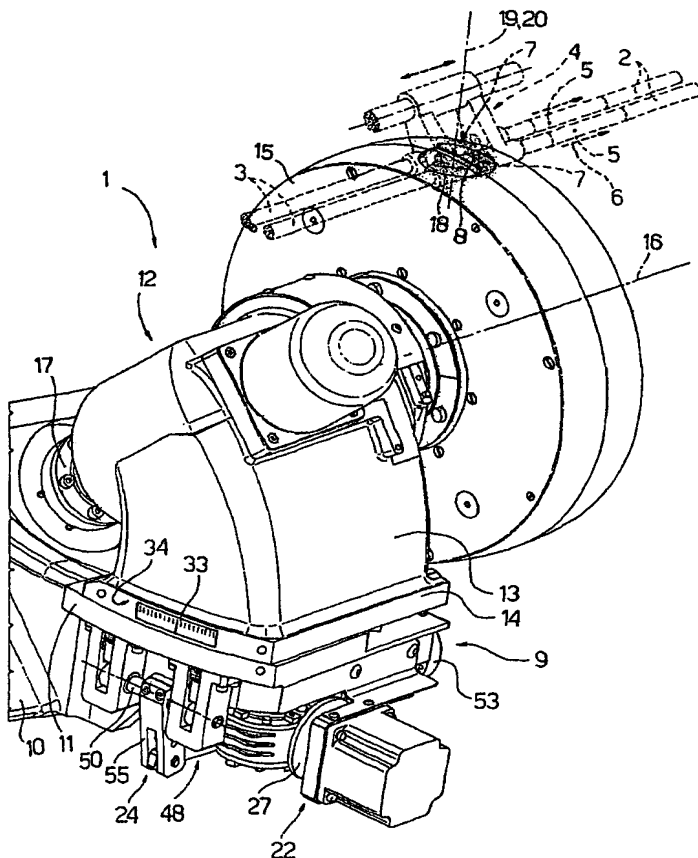
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(57) Abstract: A cutting unit (1) for cutting continuous cigarette rods (3), wherein a cutting head (12) is locked in position on a fixed supporting body (9) by an automatically releasable locking device (24), and, to make a change in format, is rotated, with respect to the supporting body (9) and after the locking device (24) is released, about an axis (20) of rotation by an actuating device (22) negative-feedback-controlled by a detecting device (23) for determining angular displacement of the cutting head (12) about the axis (20) of rotation.



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